(v) Duty free import of raw materials for manufacture of export goods under Advance Licence Scheme.

(vi) Duty free import of all necessary inputs by units under 100% EOU scheme and Export Processing Zones.

Production of Cloth in Mills, Powerlooms and Handlooms

†2277. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:
SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that cloth is being produced in the country mainly through textile-mills, powerlooms and handlooms;

(b) if so, whether Government have assessed the quantum of cloth produced through the said mediums during 1996-97, 1997-98 and 1998-99;

(c) if so, what was the medium-wise and year-wise quantum of cloth produced by each of the above mediums during the above period, year-wise; and

(d) what is the quantum of cloth exported by each of these mediums?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI GIGNEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Cloth production in the country is mainly from the mill, handloom, powerloom and hosiery sectors of the textile industry.

(b) and (c) As per assessment, the estimated cloth production (sector-wise) during the last three years is given below:—

Sr. No.	Sector	Cloth Production (Million Sq. Mtr.)		
		1996-97	1997-98	1998-99
1.	Mill	1957	1948	1785
2.	Handloom	7456	7603	6792
3.	Powerloom	19352	20951	20690
4.	Hosiery	5533	6394	6276
5.	Khadi, wool & silk	515	545	559
	TOTAL	34813	37441	36102

†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.

(d) The quantum and value of cloth exported in the last three years, sector wise, is given below:

Value in Million US $
Qty. in Million Sq. Mtr.
Value in bracket in Rs. Crore.

Sr. No.	Item	1996-97 Qty.	1996-97 Value	1997-98 Qty.	1997-98 Value	1998-99 Qty.	1998-99 Value
1.	Cotton fabrics		563.60	1315.80	589.25	1461.20	545.45
	a. Powerloom	1270.94	(2002.10)		(2190.82)		(2294.16)
	b. Handlom	47.69	65.50	43.01	59.14	39.90	53.14
			(232.66)		(219.87)		(223.49)
2.	Man-made Fabrics* PL/Knit/MM	60172.12 **	478.23 (1691.51)	69971.51 **	511.48 (1899.13)	71644.48 **	479.19 (2013.82)
3.	Woollem Fabrics						
	a. PL/Knit/MM*	13.28	44.68	9.41	39.05	4.11	19.38
			(158.69)		(145.19)		(81.51)
	b. Handloom	0.07	0.24	0.08	0.52	0.53	1.96
			(0.87)		(1.94)		(8.25)

NOTE: *Sector wise separate details of exports are not available.
** quantity in tonnes
PL = Powerloom, MM = Mill made & Knit.=Knitwear.

Problems of jute cultivators

2278. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the problem of jute cultivators;

(b) whether they are facing problems in marketing their products; and

(c) if so, the details of steps taken to resolve the problems of jute cultivators and jute industry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) No Sir, the prices of raw jute are ruling well above support level and Jute Corporation of India is very much in the market to purchase whatever quantity is offered for sale by farmers at minimum support price.

(c) The steps taken by Government to resolve the problems of jute cultivators and jute industry inter-alia includes the following:—

(i) Continuation of cost plus purchases of jute bags for packing foodgrains;